

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (canceled).

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The battery connecting member (4) of claim-2 7, wherein the ~~operation-space-closing wall (17)~~ comprises a view-enabling portion (18) so that the fuse (10) can be seen therethrough.

4. (canceled).

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended) The battery-connecting member (4) of claim-4 7, wherein the fuse connector of the busbar is a first fuse connector, and wherein the base (2) has a battery terminal (7) electrically connected to a first has a second fuse connecting portion (9) and a second fuse connecting portion (9) electrically connected to the busbar (8B) connector, wherein the first and second fuse connecting portions (9) connectors are electrically connectable by the fuse (10).

7. (currently amended) A battery-connecting member (4), comprising:  
a casing (3) configured for mounting on a battery (5) in proximity to a battery post (6) of the battery (5), the casing (3) including a fuse accommodating space (15) defined at least partly by a wall (17); and

a base (2) removably mounted to the casing (3), the base (2) including a battery terminal (7) configured for releasable connection to the battery post (6), at least one busbar (8B) with a fuse connector (9) disposed in the fuse accommodating space (15), the fuse connector (9) having at least one fuse receiving groove (11) opening toward the wall (17) and configured for replaceably receiving a fuse (10) along a direction (A) aligned to intersect the wall (17), the fuse connector (9) being spaced from

the wall ~~(17)~~ a distance selected to require removal of the base ~~(2)~~ from the casing ~~(3)~~ to replace the fuse ~~(10)~~.

8. (currently amended) The battery-connecting member ~~(1)~~ of claim 7, further comprising a cover ~~(4)~~ for at least partly covering the base ~~(2)~~ and the casing ~~(3)~~ from a side substantially opposite the battery ~~(5)~~.

9. (currently amended) The battery connecting member ~~(1)~~ of claim 8, wherein the cover ~~(4)~~ has at least one locking piece ~~(19)~~ resiliently engageable with at least one of the casing ~~(3)~~ and the base ~~(2)~~.

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).